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In re application of:

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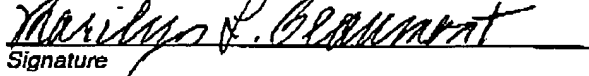
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Signature**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the
specification and claims as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following for the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 14:

Since the traditional ground stations are generally located in remote, sparsely
populated areas, taking advantage of commercially financed, installed, and maintained
fiber optic networks is unlikely since there is no financial motivation for servicing such